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By Hand

The Honorable Kenneth M. Karas United States District Court Daniel Patrick Moynihan Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York Re:

Schiller v. City of New York, 04-cv-7922; Dinler v. City of New York, 04-cv-7921; Abdell v. City of New York, 05-cv-8452

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Your Honor:

(KMK) (JCF)

We represent the War Resisters League (WRL) and Frida Berrigan with regard to a motion submitted to Magistrate Judge Francis by the defendants in the above-referenced cases to compel their compliance with a third-party subpoena for certain WRL documents relating to the Republican National Convention (RNC) mass arrest cases. The defendants are represented by the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York.

We write to request the Court's approval of a briefing schedule of the defendants' appeal of Magistrate Judge Francis's December 7<sup>th</sup> denial of the motion to compel production of WRL's documents. On the afternoon of December 22<sup>nd</sup>, the defendants served their FRCP 72 motion appealing Magistrate Judge Francis's decision. We make this request because a) of the Christmas and New Year's holidays; b) Alan Levine and Michael Spiegel who are counsel for Mr. Hedemann, a subject of the subpoena/demands regarding the WRL's documents, are out of town until next week; c) the WRL membership will not be meeting until the early new year to review this matter; and d) of the professional obligations of the undersigned. We propose the following schedule:

WRL/Berrigan/Hedemann opposition to be served January 19, 2007, and

Defendants' reply to be served February 9, 2007.

Defendants' counsel consents to this schedule. This is our first request for approval of this schedule. As to the original due dates, if the appeal is considered a civil motion, under Local Rule 6.1(b), our opposition is due January 9<sup>th</sup>, and the defendants' reply is January 16th.

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Accordingly, we respectfully request that the Court endorse this schedule.

Respectfully submitted,

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